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**From:** Taylor, Jeffrey  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 08, 2017 5:40 PM  
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**Cc:** Kramek, Niva; Barkas, Jessica  
**Subject:** Methylene Chloride FOIA (EPA-HQ-2017-004175) Responsive Materials

Dear Christopher Collins,

We have information to share with you in response to your Methylene Chloride FOIA request (EPA-HQ-2017-004175), in which you asked for written communications received by EPA regarding proposed restrictions on the sale, distribution, and/or use of methylene chloride in 2016. In an effort to make information transparent and accessible to the public, we have the great majority of those written communications in public dockets.

As part of developing the notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) on methylene chloride and N-methylpyrrolidone in paint and coating removal (82 FR 7464, January 19, 2017), EPA received in 2016 information (much of it written communications) from outside the Agency, and has placed this information in the rulemaking docket (EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231; <https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231>):

- Summaries of comments made during two consultations with small businesses held as part of the Small Business Advocacy Review Panel
  - The panel was formally convened from June 1 to September 26, 2016. Panel proceedings and pre-panel activities, including these oral comment summaries and lists of participants, are in Reference 27 of the NPRM (document 248 in the docket).
  - Link: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231-0248>
- Comments received from those small businesses as part of pre-panel and panel proceedings
  - Appendices A and B to Reference 27 of the NPRM (document 248 in the docket)
  - Link: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231-0248>
- Summaries of meetings held with other stakeholders who manufacture, process, or use methylene chloride or NMP in paint and coating removal
  - Reference 22 of the NPRM (document 252 in the docket)
  - Link: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231-0252>
- Letter of support from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration
  - Reference 122 of the NPRM (document 153 in the docket)
  - Link: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231-0153>
- Letter of support from the Consumer Product Safety Commission
  - Reference 121 of the NPRM (document 154 in the docket)
  - Link: <https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0231-0154>

Does the information provided above meet the needs of your FOIA request? We also have communications that may not be what you seek, but could be considered written communications regarding methylene chloride, such as the following:

- A written communication from the N-Methylpyrrolidone (NMP) Producers Group, which simply references methylene chloride because methylene chloride is part of the combined NMP / methylene chloride rulemaking, but the letter focuses only on NMP and not on methylene chloride.
- Inter-agency emails regarding setting up meetings related to methylene chloride.

Please let me know what you think.

Thank you,  
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**From:** Taylor, Jeffrey  
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**Subject:** Methylene Chloride FOIAonline Request

Dear Christopher Collins,

EPA has received your Methylene Chloride FOIAonline request, and we are currently communicating with our subject matter experts within our Chemical Control Division to determine who can, and how to, respond to your information needs. I personally have not worked on the methylene chloride case, but I'm reaching out to my colleagues who have worked on it.

Sincerely,  
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